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Dear Mr. Hurley: There is enclosed a proposed amended claim 2 for our interview on Thursday, August 19, at 1:00 p.m.

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2. An electric power steering apparatus comprising:
a steering system including a rack and pinion assembly;
an electricmotor ~~for~~ producing steering assist torque corresponding to steering torque applied to said steering system; and
a worm gear mechanism ~~for~~ transmitting the steering assist torque to said steering system,
wherein said worm gear mechanism includes a worm operatively connected to said electric motor and a worm wheel operatively connected to said steering system and meshing with said worm, and said worm is a single-thread worm.